

Attachment No. 1
Advisory Committee Background and Overview
Construction Safety Orders, Article 15
Cranes & Derricks in Construction

Background:

On August 9, 2010, the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Federal OSHA) promulgated standards revising the Cranes and Derricks Standard found primarily in the federal Construction Standard, 29 CFR Part 1926, to update and specify industry work practices necessary to protect employees during the use of cranes and derricks in construction. California was obligated to adopt standards at least as effective as federal standards within 6 months of federal promulgation. In order to accomplish this task an expedited rulemaking process known as a “Horcher Rulemaking” was undertaken, wherein the Board adopted standards which are substantially the same as the federal standards except for editorial and format differences, or where existing state standards provided a higher level of safety. Board staff was unable to make any other modifications or amendments during the expedited process. Furthermore, certain issues were identified by stakeholders during the Horcher rulemaking, and certain coordination issues with general industry crane standards have subsequently been discovered. These items are now proposed to be addressed in this “clean-up” rulemaking process.

Overview:

Items proposed for coordination, modification, amendment, are listed on Attachment #2.

Should you wish to compare the proposal with existing Title 8, Article 15, verbiage, the existing section may be viewed on the internet at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/Title8/sb4a15.html>